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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION - VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT

1. MONDALE ARRIVAL FEATURED STORY FRONT-PAGE MOST JAKARTA DAILIES TODAY, WITH TWO OR THREE-COLUMN PHOTOS AND FULL TREATMENT VICE PRESIDENT'S ARRIVAL STATEMENT. MONDALE MEETING WITH GROUP OF NON-OFFICIAL INDONESIANS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 6 AFTERNOON AND U.S. SECURITY PRECAUTIONS DREW CONSIDERABLE INTEREST (ONE PAPER SAID 2000 INDONESIAN POLICE AND ANOTHER THAT 100 CIA AND FBI PEOPLE WERE CALLED UPON FOR THE VISIT). STORIES ALSO APPEARED ON MRS. MONDALE AND TED MONDALE

2. ONE MAJOR DAILY AND THREE OTHERS RAN EDITORIALS OF THE VISIT; ONE OF WHICH EXPRESSED SKEPTICISM ABOUT THE U.S. COMMITMENT TO SE ASIAN SECURITY. THIS WAS THE GOVERNMENT PARTY PAPER "SUARA KARYA" WHICH SAID THE MOST IMPRESSIVE FEATURE OF THE U.S. ROLE IN THE AREA DURING THE PAST TEN YEARS "IS THE DEPARTURE OF THE UNITED
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STATES. AND THIS IS HAPPENING WHILE ANOTHER SUPER-POWER IS ENTERING THE INDIAN OCEAN WITH A GROWTH OF POWER PRESSING TOWARDS THE WEST PACIFIC." COMMENTARY ADDS THAT "THE CRUMBLING OF THE BACKBONE OF U.S. BY ITS ECONOMIC PRESENCE ... IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE THAT THE U.S. IS SERIOUS WITH HER WORDS ON ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION." PAPER ADDS THAT "IT IS DIFFICULT TO

HOPE THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION WILL BE ABLE TO
COMBAT THE DRIFT TOWARDS PROTECTIONISM... UNFORTUNATELY
IT IS HARD FOR US TO AVOID THE IMPRESSION THA THIS
RICHEST COUNTRY WANTS TO BE A SOLE WINNER."

3. FAVORABLE COMMENTARY APPEARED IN THE ARMED FORCES
PAPER "ANGKATAN BERSENJATA" AND THE MILITARY-LINKED
DAILY "BERTA BUANA". THE LATTER TRACED THE HISTORY
OF U.S. SYMPATHY TOWARDS THE INDONESIAN PEOPLE
SINCE THE NATION CLAIMED INDEPENDENCE AND CONCLUDED
THAT THE "RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THESE TWO COUNTRIES
IS INTIMATE, AND CONSTITUTE A PARTNERSHIP
FOR ACHIEVING THE SAME OBJECTIVES: WORLS PEACE AND
WELFARE."

4. INDONESIA TV'S 6:30 P.M. NATIONWIDE NEWS CARRIED
BRIEF FOOTAGE OF VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S MEETING
WITH PRESIDENT SUHARTO, EXCHANGE OF GIFTS WITH VICE
PRESIDENT MALIK, AND THE LOAN SIGNING. ANNOUNCER SAID
MONDALE PRESS CONFERENCE WOULD BE SHOWN ON 8:30 P.M.
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